

KEYNOTES

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by *Geno Borgomainerio*

On November 24, at 10:00

A.M. the Court

of Appeals will hear oral arguments on the Feola law suit against the Club. As you know, the original Superior Court ruling in favor of the club was challenged by Feola, Smith, and Willis which forced the issue before the Court of Appeals. It will take some time for the Court to make a ruling, as long as three months or more. Members will be kept posted.

“THANK YOU” to all the Club members who helped to maintain the clubhouse, grounds, marina, pool, and helped build our new playground this year. Over 80 members gave their time and money to support our club.

In October we had water seep into our library from a plugged drain between the clubhouse and the pool. Carpet and matting was removed, dried, and floors bleached to remove and prevent mold. Martin Dusterhoft, who lives in Driftwood Key, reinstalled the matting and carpet at no cost to the Club. Thank you, Martin.

The carpet was cleaned and treated by a professional; the total cost paid by the club was \$120.00. Since the Club's insurance has a \$1000.00 deductible, this matter was again handled by our community's willing volunteers.

The board continues to actively pursue the col-

lection of late and back dues. John Ward has done an outstanding job and has had very positive results in getting members to meet their financial responsibility. We are in the process of taking legal action against those members who continue to ignore our efforts to contact them. If you are behind in the payment of your dues, I would encourage you to contact John Ward or myself. We are running out of patience.

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On a sad note; Wade Brunette, who was a member of Driftwood Key, lost his life while climbing on Mt. Whitney in California last month. Much of Wade's free time was spent climbing. He and Bob Bock worked together to create the newest interpretive display of the Olym-

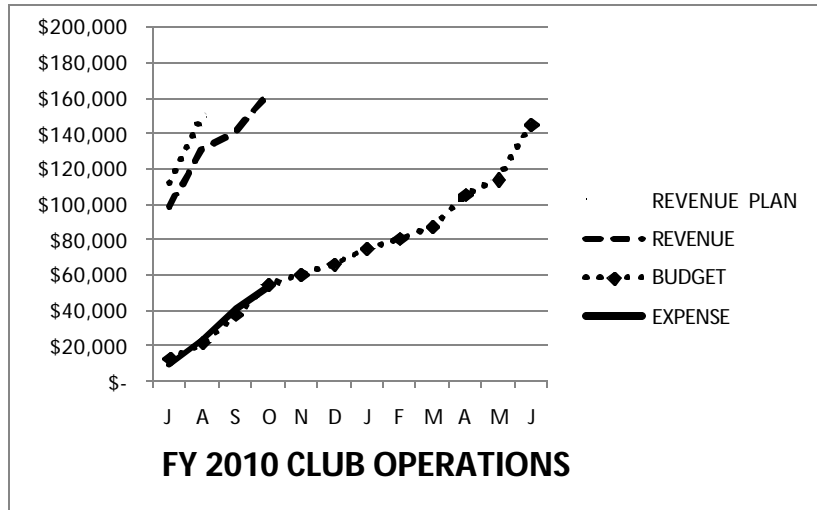
pic Mountains as seen from the clubhouse. Many hours were spent making sure that each mountain and its elevation was completely accurate. Because of Wade's passion for those mountains, which made this sign possible, the club will be dedicating it to his memory. Thank you Wade.

A memorial service was held be Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Driftwood Key Clubhouse from 1 to 4 pm.

TREASURER’S REPORT

by John Ward

Unfortunately, the Club will be moving forward with liens on the properties of 30 Club Members who have not paid their dues and who have not advised the Club of mitigating circumstances. The total past due from those who will have liens placed upon their properties is \$29,842. The Club is also proceeding with foreclosures. The Club does not send monthly statements (our postage expenses are over \$2,000 so far this FY)—a final “reminder” will be sent to offenders against whom action will shortly be taken.



The fiscal performance of the Club continues to be “on track”. An aggressive effort to collect past-due account balances positively influences the Revenue performance. The Revenue line extends above the Revenue Plan line due to some prior year amounts due being received. The trend indicates that a surplus should be recognized this year. With the retirement of some current expenses a proven ability to generate a surplus at the current level of dues and assessments, a full-time caretaker looks promising late this fiscal year and probable next year. Club account balances and the full set of graphical records are available in the Club Office. Of course, the basis of the graphical presentations is always available to those who wish to study the minutia.

The final audit report for FY 2009 is available in the Club Office for your review. The account details will be available on the Club’s website (www.driftwoodkey.net). There were no exceptional findings within the accounting or account balances. For those who might appreciate the specifics of the audit, most adjusting entries from this audit were based in accounting “method”—you could read “method” as “preference”. Most of the adjusting entries serviced aged issues. The Club Office has an objective to reduce the number of adjusting entries necessary (again) next year.

Last month’s Keynotes survey generated surprisingly few responses. In the past, such a survey would result in more than 100 responses. Today, with nearly twice the number of residents we have received a total of only 37 replies as of this writing. Within the 37 responses were a few “rants”; there were a surprising number of comments based on incomplete or inaccurate information (e.g., one Member wrote that they would not participate in such “foolishness” until the audit—reported in last month’s Keynotes and above—was completed); but the majority of comments were valuable in helping the Trustees determine how to go forward on your behalf. The collection of comments is available in the Club Office and posted in the Clubhouse—they make very interesting reading and I encourage you to look them over and provide your additional commentary to the Board. Below are the survey results. Please note that the numbers do not total 37 for each question since not everyone provided a response to each question.

Do you think the dues and assessments are:	OK = 13	Too High = 11	Too Low = 12
Do you consider yourself a “boater”?	YES = 22		NO = 14
Are you on the Marina slip waiting list?	YES = 5		NO = 31
Do you ever use the Launching Ramp?	YES = 19		NO = 14
Does your family use the Pool facilities?	YES = 20		NO = 16
Would you use the Pool (more) if it were larger?..	YES = 11		NO = 23
Would you use the Pool (more) if it were indoors?	YES = 12		NO = 23
Does your family use the Beach or Park facilities?	YES = 25		NO = 10
Have you been in the Clubhouse in the past year?	YES = 29		NO = 6
Would you favor a new Clubhouse?	YES = 13		NO = 20
Does your family use the Playground?	YES = 12		NO = 24
Do you favor construction of Tennis Courts?	YES = 8		NO = 28
Any other facilities the Trustees should consider? ..	YES = 9		NO = 22

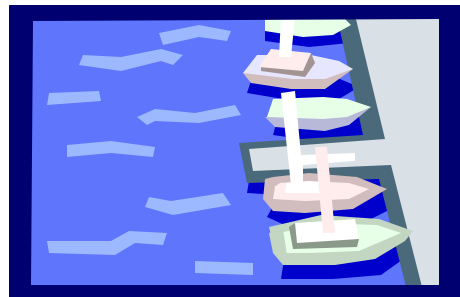
Thank you to those who took the time to provide your input; especially those who provided the valuable collection of comments that give direction on how those volunteering their time might best proceed to meet your objectives—even if your commentary was critical.

Since the response was not statistically significant and too many of the comments indicate that the information being provided since August is not being assimilated, the planned follow-on survey has been cancelled.

DOCKS AND WATERFRONT

by Bob Bock

Will the owner of the boat and trailer in stall #19 Reg # WN 9082 MB, please call the club office and identify yourself?
Thanks,. Bob Bock, Docks and Waterfront



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NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY:

All tickets have been sold.
There is a waiting list.

Take a Stand Against Crime

Join a Neighborhood Watch

A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PRIMER

Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Building Watch, Crime Watch—whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs. Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities that keep them away from home.

An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary.

Neighborhood Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and affordable housing.

HOW DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH START?

A motivated individual, a few concerned residents, a community organization, or a law enforcement agency can spearhead the efforts to establish a Watch. Together they can

***organize a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, and possible community problems.*

***contact the local police or sheriff's department, or local crime prevention organization, for help in training members in home security and reporting skills and for information on local crime patterns.*

***hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish the purpose of the program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed.*

***select a coordinator.*

***ask for block captain volunteers who are responsible for relaying information to Members. recruit members, keeping up-to-date information on new residents and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people.*

***work with local government or law enforcement to put up Neighborhood Watch signs, usually after at least 50 percent of all households are enrolled.*

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

Any community resident can join—young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner.

Even the busiest of people can belong to a Neighborhood Watch—they too can keep an eye out for neighbors as they come and go.

I LIVE IN A APARTMENT BUILDING. CAN I START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Yes. Watch Groups can be formed around any geographical unit: a block, apartment building, townhouse complex, park, business area, public housing complex, office building, or marina.

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DO?

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or

sheriff's office.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF A WATCH PROGRAM?

Community meetings. These should be set up on a regular basis such as bi-monthly, monthly, or six times a year.

Citizens' or community patrol. A citizens' patrol is made up of volunteers who walk or drive through the community and alert police to crime and questionable activities. Not all Neighborhood Watches need a citizens' patrol.

Communications. These can be as simple as a weekly flier posted on community announcement boards to a newsletter that updates neighbors on the progress of the program to a neighborhood electronic bulletin board.

Special events. These are crucial to keep the program going and growing. Host talks or seminars that focus on current issues such as hate or bias-motivated violence, crime in schools, teenage alcohol and other drug abuse, or domestic violence. Adopt a park or school playground and paint over graffiti.

Sponsor a block party, holiday dinner, or volleyball or softball game that will provide neighbors a chance to get to know each other.

Other aspects of community safety. For instance, start a block parent program to help children in emergency situations.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WATCH MEMBER?

Be alert!

Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.

Report suspicious activities and crimes to the police or sheriffs' department. Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD I BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AS A WATCH MEMBER?

Someone screaming or shouting for help. Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.

Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.

Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights. Anyone being forced into a vehicle.

A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.

Report these incidents to the police or sheriffs' department. Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.

HOW SHOULD I REPORT THESE INCIDENTS?

Call 9- 1- 1 or your local emergency number. Give your name and address.

Explain what happened.

Briefly describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or accent.

Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers.

The above information is contained in a pamphlet entitled: "Take A Stand Against Crime". You can see the entire pamphlet and other important information relating to public safety and crime prevention at the National Crime Preventions Center website: <http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/neighborhood-safety>. Please feel free to take a look at the website and you will also find valuable information on Disaster Preparedness, Home Safety, etc. (Ed.)

The Keynotes is published monthly at Hansville, Washington by the Driftwood Key Community Club. The purpose of the Keynotes is to give the membership an overview of the Board activities, to provide information about activities and to highlight issues important to the members.

Comments are welcome.

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SECRETARY

by John Remington

Crimewatch Committee

Deputy Pete Ball of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office sent information, which has been copied and will be shared and discussed in the first Crimewatch Committee meeting. Although too voluminous to include all of the information in the Keynotes, he did recommend disseminating one pamphlet summarizing the subject as widely as possible to stimulate interest in the project. That pamphlet has been integrated into the December Keynotes.



Once there is sufficient awareness of the subject matter to generate a reasonable audience, Deputy Ball will be asked to make a presentation to the membership. Please read the summary information in the Keynotes and spread it by word of mouth to those who may have overlooked it or not seen it.

FROM THE OFFICE:

by Sheila Hougland

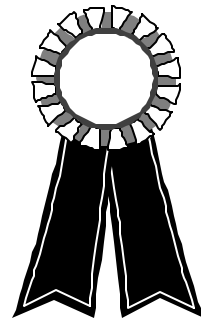
'Tis the Season for Giving!

Looking for an inexpensive gift or stocking stuffer? Why not one of our great Driftwood Key Club hats? Only \$15.00 each! We have 3 vibrant colors to choose from – a deep navy, a rich red, and a lovely lavender. Please note the proceeds will go towards our Playground Fund. Come by the office while our supply lasts – we currently have all 3 colors available. If you need us to put one aside for you, please call 360-638-2077, and leave a message.



SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION

by Sheila Hougland



It's hard to believe a year has passed working in the Driftwood Key Office. Special thanks and praise to the board for their time and support.

We know our community thrives because of our volunteers; special thanks to the volunteers who help in the office each month with different projects. While I would be disheartened for not mentioning someone, and wish not to "embarrass" others for special mention, I'd like to extend a "blanket" personal note of thanks and praise to each and every individual (you know who you are!) Your generosity in sharing your precious time and talent is truly appreciated. You are each a treasure trove to our community!

Best wishes to all this holiday season, may you be richly blessed! ~ Sheila

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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